

I CLAIM:

1. A method for conducting a contest for a plurality of participants, the outcome of
said contest determined by a competition event in which a finite set of competitors
compete, each competitor's performance, including those competitors that do not win
5 the competition event, generating at least one statistic during said competition event,
comprising:

each participant selecting a subset of predetermined size from among said finite
set of competitors, the subset including at least two competitors;

10 at a predetermined point during said sporting event, computing an index for each
participant by summing the statistics associated with each competitor in each
participant's subset without regard to the relationship of the competitors in the
participant's subset;

ordering participants according to said index; and

15 resolving ties among participants by comparing competitors in the tied
participants' subsets and, if a selection differentiates the tied participants, ordering the
tied participants according to the statistics of the differentiating selection.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

20 each participant ranking the competitors in the participant's subset whereby in
resolving ties, competitors in the tied participants' subsets are serially compared by
ranking and, if a selection differentiates the tied participants, ordering the tied
participants according to the statistics of the differentiating selection.

3. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

each participant placing a wager; and

issuing a reward to a predetermined number of participants by order.

4. The method of claim 3 further comprising pooling said wagers whereby said
5 reward is a predetermined portion of said pool.

5. A method for conducting a contest for a plurality of participants, the outcome of
said contest determined by the result of a competition event in which a finite set of
competitors compete, each competitor's performance, including those competitors that
10 do not win the competition event, generating a statistic at the completion of said
competition event, comprising:

each participant placing a wager;
each participant selecting a subset of predetermined size from among said
competitors, the subset including at least two competitors;
15 each participant ranking the competitors in the participant's subset;
upon completion of said sporting event, computing an index for each participant
according to the formula:

$$I = \sum_{x=1}^n s_x$$

where I is said index, s is said statistic for each competitor in a participant's subset, and
20 n is said predetermined number of competitors in the subset;
ordering participants according to said index;

resolving ties among participants by serially comparing competitors in the tied participants' subsets by ranking and, if a selection differentiates the tied participants, ordering the tied participants according to the statistics of the differentiating selection; and

5 rewarding a predetermined number of participants by order.

6. The method of claim 5 further comprising pooling said wagers whereby said reward is a predetermined portion of said pool.